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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed herewith.

In the Office Action dated February 28, 2001 the examiner noted some defects in document numbers 13, 25-27, and 30. Document number 13 now has the correct Publication Number and document 30 now includes the month of publication. For documents 25-27, applicants submit that the year of publication is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date of the present application so that the particular month of publication is not an issue

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(MPEP § 609). That is, the articles were published in 1990, 1992 and 1994, while the present application was filed October 6, 1997.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed.

Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of any of the following: a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). The required fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-67207/RMS/DCF/AMS).

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